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SUBJ: REPORTED ROMANIAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO MOZAMBIQUE

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1. IN EFFORT TO PIN DOWN FACTS ON REPORTED ROMANIAN COMMITMENTS ON WHEAT TO MOZAMBIQUE, EMBASSY CONTACTED HEAD OF "AGROEXPORT", STATE MONOPOLY FOR EXPORTING CEREALS. "AGROEXPORT" DENIES THAT ANY CONTRACTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION OR HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH MOZAMBIQUE. MAKING FAMILIAR POINT THAT ROMANIA IS ITSELF IN THE MARKET FOR WHEAT, "AGROEXPORT" CHIEF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP BY FRELIMO DELEGATION THAT VISITED BUCHAREST DEC 15-20 AND THAT HE BELIEVED RESPONSE HAD BEEN THAT ROMANIA WOULD BE DISPOSED TO SUPPLY WHEAT FROM 1975 CROP, PROVIDED THAT PRODUCTION ALLOWED FOR EXPORTS (THAT WON'T BE KNOWN UNTIL APRIL OR LATER). QUESTION CAME UP ALSO DURING VISIT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES (JANUARY 3 - 6) AND RECEIVED SIMILAR RESPONSE. "AGROEXPORT" NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MATTER.

2. COMMENT: APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT AN EXPRESSION OF INTENTIONS
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WITH REGARD TO SUPPLY HAS BEEN TAKEN AS A COMMITMENT. ROMANIA

APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO EXPORT WHEAT FOR NUMBER
OF MONTHS, IF THEN. WHATEVER POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING MIGHT
HAVE BEEN REACHED, "AGROEXPORT" WOULD BE ROMANIAN ENTITY DRAWING
UP CONTRACT AND THEIR SERVICES HAVE APPARENTLY NOT YET BEEN
CALLED UPON.
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